

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A long ornament member comprising:
an attaching portion being attachable to a body to be attached; and
an ornamental portion made of a vulcanized rubber and integrally formed on a surface of the attaching portion;

wherein the ornamental portion has a surface roughened by a plurality of microcapsules thermally expanded in the ornamental portion, a plurality of concave portions of the microcapsules burst on or in the vicinity of the surface, the concave portions being outwardly opened, and a plurality of projection portions constituted by the microcapsules expanded in the vicinity of the surface and swelling outwardly; and

wherein the surface of the ornamental portion is provided with at least one of plural convex ridges and plural concave grooves, the convex ridges extending along at least one of a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction that crosses the longitudinal direction, the concave grooves extending along at least one of the longitudinal direction and the lateral direction, and the concave grooves are interrupted or deformed by the plurality of projection portions at irregular positions.
2. (Original) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the convex ridges and the concave grooves are configured in a manner that at least one of discontinuity portions and deformation portions are formed at irregular positions in an extending direction thereof by at least one of the concave portions and the projection portions.
3. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein the surface of the ornamental portion is provided with at least one of the convex ridges and

concave grooves which extend along the longitudinal direction, and at least one of the convex ridges and concave grooves which extend along the lateral direction.

4. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein the convex ridges are formed at an interval that is in a range of 0.1 mm to 5 mm.

5. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein the convex ridges are formed in a manner that a projection height of the convex ridges is in a range of 0.1 mm to 2 mm.

6. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein the concave grooves are formed at an interval that is in a range of 0.1 mm to 5 mm.

7. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein the concave grooves are formed in a manner that a depth of the concave grooves is in a range of 0.1 mm to 2 mm.

8. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein the ornamental portion is formed in a layer on the surface of the attaching portion.

9. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein a depth of the concave grooves in the ornamental portion is limited within a thickness of the ornamental portion.

10. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein the concave grooves in the ornamental portion have substantially V-shaped cross section.

11. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein the ornamental portion has a color differing from that of the attaching portion.

12. (Original) The long ornament member according to claim 11, wherein the ornamental portion has a color being lighter than that of the attaching portion.

13. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the convex ridges and the concave grooves of the ornamental portion are formed substantially like a straight line.

14. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the convex ridges and the concave grooves of the ornamental portion are formed substantially like a wavy line.

15. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein a surface modified layer that enhances at least one of wear-resistance and weather-resistance is formed on the surface of the ornamental portion.

16. (Original) The long ornament member according to claim 15, wherein the modified layer is a transparent layer through which the surface of the ornamental portion is visible.

17. (Currently Amended) The long ornament member according to claim 15, wherein the modified layer is a ~~silicon~~silicone resin coat.

18. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 1, wherein the long ornament member is a vehicle weather strip.

19. (Original) The long ornament member according to claim 18, wherein the weather strip is a door opening trim.

20. (Original) The long ornament member according to claim 19, wherein the door opening trim has a concealing lip and the ornamental portion is integrally formed on at least one of a surface of the concealing lip and a vehicle interior side surface of the attaching portion.

21. (Original) The long ornament member according to claim 18, wherein the weather strip has a hollow seal portion, and the ornamental portion is integrally formed on a surface of the hollow seal portion.

22. (Original) The long ornament member according to claim 18, wherein the weather strip is a trunk seal trim.

23. (Original) The long ornament member according to claim 22, wherein the trunk seal trim has a concealing lip and the ornamental portion is integrally formed on at least one of a surface of the concealing lip and a vehicle interior side surface of the attaching portion.

24. (Previously Presented) The long ornament member according to claim 18, wherein the whether strip further comprises a metal core.

25. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a long ornament member having an attaching portion being attachable to a body to be attached and an ornamental portion made of a vulcanized rubber integrally formed on a surface of the attaching portion, the method comprising the steps of:

integrating a predetermined attaching-portion forming part made of an unvulcanized rubber mixed with an vulcanizing agent and a predetermined ornamental-portion forming part made of an unvulcanized rubber mixed with a vulcanizing agent and a plurality of fine thermo-expandable microcapsules and extruding an integrated part from a rubber extrusion die in a state in which at least one of plural longitudinal concave grooves and longitudinal convex ridges continuously extending in parallel on a surface of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part are formed, the rubber extrusion die having an orifice whose shape corresponds to that of a cross section of the long ornament member and having at least one of projections and recesses formed on an inner surface of an ornamental portion extrusion part of the orifice of the rubber extrusion die;

heating the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part and forming a plurality of outwardly opened concave portions on a surface of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part by expanding at least a part of the microcapsules on or in the vicinity of a surface in such a way as to exceed a limit and burst, and expanding the microcapsules

provided in the vicinity of the surface of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part to form a plurality of projection portions swelling outwardly, so that at least one of the longitudinal concave grooves and longitudinal convex ridges of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part are interrupted or deformed at irregular positions in the longitudinal direction; and

changing the unvulcanized rubber of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part and the predetermined attaching-portion forming part into a vulcanized rubber by vulcanizing through the heating of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part.

26. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a long ornament member having an attaching portion being attachable to a body to be attached and an ornamental portion made of a vulcanized rubber integrally formed on a surface of the attaching portion, the method comprising the steps of:

extruding a predetermined attaching-portion forming part made of an unvulcanized rubber mixed with a vulcanizing agent and a predetermined ornamental-portion forming part made of an unvulcanized rubber mixed with a vulcanizing agent and a plurality of fine thermo-expandable microcapsules from a rubber extrusion die having an orifice whose shape corresponds to that of a cross section of the long ornament member;

forming at least one of plural longitudinal convex ridges and longitudinal concave grooves continuously extending in parallel on a surface of the extruded predetermined ornamental-portion forming part;

heating the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part and forming a plurality of outwardly opened concave portions on a surface of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part by expanding at least a part of the microcapsules on or in the vicinity of a surface in such a way as to exceed a limit and burst, and expanding the microcapsules provided in the vicinity of the surface of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part

to form a plurality of projection portions swelling outwardly, so that at least one of the longitudinal concave grooves and longitudinal convex ridges are interrupted or deformed at irregular positions in the longitudinal direction; and

changing the unvulcanized rubber of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part and the predetermined attaching-portion forming part into a vulcanized rubber by vulcanizing through the heating of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing a long ornament member according to claim 25, further comprising:

forming at least one of plural lateral convex ridges and lateral concave grooves in such a way as to extend in a direction crossing the longitudinal convex ridges or the longitudinal concave grooves before completion of vulcanizing of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part, to thereby form a pattern that is constituted by a plurality of quadrangles each enclosed by at least one of the longitudinal and lateral convex ridges and the longitudinal and lateral concave grooves.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing a long ornament member according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part is extruded in a state in which the microcapsules are not burst.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing a long ornament member according to claim 25, wherein when heating the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part, the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part is heated to a temperature sufficient to cause an outer shell of the microcapsule to soften and burst due to a pressure of an internal gas, and the unvulcanized rubber is vulcanized by the heating of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part.

30. (Original) The method of manufacturing a long ornament member according to claim 29, wherein before completion of vulcanizing the unvulcanized rubber of the predetermined

ornamental-portion forming part, at least softening and expansion of the outer shell of the microcapsule are finished.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing a long ornament member according to claim 29, wherein during the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part made of the unvulcanized rubber is heated, at least softening and expansion of the outer shell of the microcapsule are started when Mooney viscosity of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part is lowered by the heating than that of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part before being heated.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing a long ornament member according to claim 25, wherein expansion of the microcapsules and volume-expansion of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part are performed by heating the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part, in the surface of which concave grooves each having a predetermined width are formed, to thereby reduce the width of the concave grooves from the width of the concave grooves before being heated.

33. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a long ornament member having an ornamental portion made of a vulcanized rubber, the method comprising the steps of:

extruding the long ornament member with a predetermined ornamental-portion forming part made of an unvulcanized rubber mixed with a vulcanizing agent and a plurality of fine thermo-expandable microcapsules from a rubber extrusion die in a state in which at least one of plural longitudinal concave grooves and longitudinal convex ridges continuously extending in parallel on a surface of the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part are formed, the rubber extrusion die having an orifice whose shape corresponds to that of a cross section of the long ornament member and having at least one of plural projections and recesses formed on an inner surface of an ornamental portion extrusion part of the orifice of the rubber extrusion die; and

heating the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part to expand and/or burst the microcapsules.

34. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a long ornament member having an ornamental portion made of a vulcanized rubber, the method comprising the steps of:

extruding the long ornament member with a predetermined ornamental-portion forming part made of an unvulcanized rubber mixed with a vulcanizing agent and a plurality of fine thermo-expandable microcapsules from a rubber extrusion die having an orifice whose shape corresponds to that of a cross section of the long ornament member;

forming at least one of plural longitudinal convex ridges and longitudinal concave grooves continuously extending in parallel on a surface of the extruded predetermined ornamental-portion forming part; and

heating the predetermined ornamental-portion forming part to expand and/or burst the microcapsules.